GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:545
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SATLUJ YAMUNA LINK CANAL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the rivers flowing in the country from which water flows into Pakistan and which can be averted and used in India;

(b) the area remains unirrigated in these States due to shortage of such water;

(c) the stesp taken/to be taken by the Union Government to complete the Satluj-Yamuna link Canal project during 2000-2001;

(d) the areas of land remains unirrigated in Haryana due to non- completion of the project and the estimated monetary loss suffered by the State as a result thereof; and

(e) the efforts being made by the Government to complete the project at the earliest?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Rivers Indus, Ravi, Chenab, Jhelum and the Sutlej(after the confluence of Beas) flow into Pakistan from India.All the waters of the Eastern Rivers namely The Ravi, The Beas andThe Sutlejare available for unrestricted use of India except for Domestic and Non-Consumptive Uses, and limited agriculturaluse in Pakistan, as specified in the Indus Waters Treaty, 1960 between the two countries. India shall let flow all the waters of the Western Rivers namely The Indus, TheJhelum and The Chenab, but has been allowed to use them for Domestic Use, Nonâ€"Consumptive Use, limited agricultural use and generationof hydro-electric power from Run-of-River Plants. India has also been permitted 3.6 MAF of storage on Western Rivers for various uses.Specified withdrawals from Ranbir and Pratap Canals are also permitted to India.

(b) The commissioning of Thein (Ranjit Sagar) Dam and completion of Shahpurkandi Barrage will enable Indiato fully utilize the average quantum of waters of the Eastern rivers.

Pending full irrigation development in the concerned States possible under the Treaty, the Irrigated Cropped Area within the basinof Western Rivers was 8,11,225 acres during 1998-99 against the permissible limit, in accordance with the Treaty, of 13,43,477 acres.

(c),(d)&(e) The completion of Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal is sub judiceunder a Suit filed by the Stateof Haryana in the Supreme Court. According to the State, over 3 lakh hectares of irrigation potential already created remain unutilized.